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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Apparatus for randomizing and verifying sets of playing cards comprising:

- A. control means;
- 5 B. input means for receiving playing cards into the apparatus;
- C. identification means for reading indicia on the playing cards;
- D. buffer means having a plurality of slots for temporarily holding cards;
- E. directing means for directing cards from into slots in the buffer means;
- F. transporting means for moving cards from the input means to and through the

10 identification means;

- G. stacking means;

H. ejecting means for ejecting cards from the slots in the buffer means into the stacking means; the apparatus adapted to verify that a true set of cards has been received in the input means and to deliver a true set of cards at the stacking means in either a random order or a sorted order.

15 Process comprising providing such an apparatus; feeding to the input means one or more cards either after they have been played in a game or from an unrandomized or unverified set; and manually retrieving a verified true set of cards from the stacking means.

20 Also, process of playing in a casino setting or simulated casino setting a card game comprising providing such an apparatus, feeding unverified sets of playing cards to the input means, and recovering verified true sets of cards from the stacking means.